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ENDOTHELIAL CELL GROWTH FACTOR II  
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*Amendment to and Listing of the Claims* begins on page 3 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Specification* begin on page 7 of this paper.

*Amendments to the Drawings* begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes for Figure 4H, Figure 4K, Figure 4M, Figure 5C, Figure 6B, and, Figure 7A.

*Remarks* begin on page 9 of this paper.